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Local Matters

RANGE BOAT BURNED

An alarm was sounded on the Torpedo Station system on Thursday evening for a fire in one of the open range boats moored at the dock in the midst of several other small craft. The fire was blazing merrily, and when all hands responded, the first duty was to remove the other craft from the place of danger. This was accomplished after some trouble, the night being very cold and a strong wind prevailing.

The burning boat gave the men a great deal of trouble, and although quantities of water were poured in, the flames were not extinguished until she had sunk to the bottom. The work of raising her was undertaken Friday morning in order to determine the extent of the damage, which must have been considerable.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

CALLED TO THE WEST

Mr. Edwin O. Andrews, who has been executive secretary of the Army & Navy Young Men's Christian Association in this city for many years, has received a call to San Diego, California, to take charge of the magnificent new Y. M. C. A. building in that city. It is expected that he will accept and will leave for the West in about a month.

Mr. Andrews will be greatly missed in Newport, where he has long been regarded as a very essential fixture. He has done splendid work among the service men at the local institution, but his work and influence have extended far beyond the limits of the building. He has taken a great interest in everything that pertains to the welfare of Newport, and is a member of many local organizations.

The 1925 number plates will be necessary on all autos that are operated after midnight next Wednesday. Inasmuch as all owners have had ample time to secure their new plates, the police have announced that no temporary permits will be granted after that time, and all cars not equipped will have to remain off the streets. During the year beginning next Thursday, there will undoubtedly be a greater number of cars on the highways than ever, and the traffic and parking problem will be still further accentuated.

The new pay scale for civilian employees at the government stations here has been announced. There is an average increase of about two cents an hour.

The federal pilot licenses of Joshua Truman Dodge and William Earl Dodge of Block Island have been suspended for one year.

In accordance with custom for a number of years, the lights in the Thames street shopping section went out for a time on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Congdon spent the holidays in Buffalo with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gladling.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday was an ideal day for Christmas, although there was not quite as much snow on the ground as some of the youngsters would have liked. The ground was barely covered with white, a snow that had fallen during the night, and had turned to ice under the influence of the sudden fall in temperature. It was cold during the day, but not too cold for comfort, the wintry wave being much less severe than that during the earlier part of the week.

While the homes were generally the centers of attraction during the day, there were some public observances held. Christmas Eve services were held in several of the churches on the preceding evening, and special church services were held on Christmas morning. The various charitable and medical institutions were not forgotten, but celebrations were arranged for all the inmates. At the Training Station and the Torpedo Station there were Christmas trees for the youngsters, and a thoroughly good time was given them.

Mrs. Dawley was the first to hear the commotion and was on the scene in a moment, summoning others as she hurried to the rescue.

FATALY BURNED

Mrs. Mary Williams, who lived alone at 81 Pelham street, was fatally burned on Sunday evening, when her clothes took fire from an open gas heater in her room. Her screams and the howling of her dog brought aid from the residence of Mr. Perry B. Dawley, her next door neighbor, and with the assistance of a rug the flames in her clothing were quickly extinguished, but not before she had been seriously burned.

She was taken to the Dawley residence for first aid, and from there to the Newport Hospital where it was at once seen that her condition was critical.

In the meantime a still alarm had been sounded, and when the firemen responded, they found the room a mass of flames, the contents being a total loss. Fortunately the fire had not had time to become firmly established and the flames were quickly extinguished by chemical streams.

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KILLED BY AUTO

Viola Ford, four years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ford, of Spring Wharf, was instantly killed on Tuesday afternoon, when she was struck by a motor truck of David's Market. The little girl ran out into the street directly in front of the car, and the driver could not avoid hitting her. She was picked up and rushed to the Newport Hospital in the auto of Sergeant Lee of Fort Adams, but life was extinct upon arriving there.

The driver of the truck, Frank X. Armbruster, reported at the Police Station, and the police made a search for witnesses to place the responsibility. Several small children saw the accident but were too frightened to give an intelligent version. The accident occurred on lower Thames street, not far from the home of the little victim of the sad affair.

WILLIAM D. CHAMPLAIN

Mr. William D. Champlain died at the Newport Hospital on Tuesday, after a long illness. He had been under treatment for several months suffering from a complication of diseases. He had been in the employ of the New England Steamship Company for many years, being assistant engineer of the steamer City of Taunton. He is survived by three sons and two daughters, one son being a cadet at West Point, and another in the Navy. His wife died several months ago.

Mr. Champlain was a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and the officers of the Lodge conducted the funeral service on Wednesday.

The case of M. Steinert Company vs. Jacob Aronson, which has twice before been heard before a jury, occupied the attention of the Court on Monday. This was a rather complicated transaction and several interesting legal points are involved. Counsel for plaintiff noted some exceptions to the Court's ruling during the progress of the trial. At the close of the afternoon session on Monday, the Court took a recess over the holidays until next Monday.

Senator Metcalf has announced that he will appoint Horace W. Magoun of this city as a cadet at the West Point Military Academy. The young man mentioned is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy W. Magoun and is well known and very popular here. His father is superintendent of the Seamen's Church Institute, and is one of the best liked clergymen in Newport.

The weekly meeting of the Lions Club was omitted this week because the date fell on Christmas Day. Next week the Club will have a Christmas observance on New Year's Day.

In accordance with a recent vote of the board of aldermen, Mayor Sullivan has forwarded to President Coolidge a formal invitation to spend next summer in Newport.

A SPELL OF WINTER

The cold spell that held the western part of the country in its icy grip for several days, causing many deaths and much suffering, arrived in Newport last Saturday night, but its energy had been considerably abated on its long trip across the country. It was cold here—real cold—but it was only about 10° above Sunday morning. Compared with the 40° below zero that had been reported from the far west, this temperature might be considered balmy.

The temperature did not rise much during the day on Sunday, remaining at about the same figure all day. At sunset, the mercury began to fall, and it was only slightly above zero in the evening, but before midnight the worst of the cold spell began to pass and by Monday morning the temperature had risen to 20° degrees. It continued to moderate gradually until Wednesday night, when a rain storm began and continued for some time. Much water fell, and if the precipitation had been snow instead of rain there would have been a large accumulation on the ground for Christmas.

During the cold spell there was some call for plumbers for frozen water pipes, and a few careless autists suffered from frozen radiators, but there was no such widespread destruction as during the first spell of winter in November, when autists were frozen all over the city with the result that the garage men reaped a rich harvest.

The youngsters were somewhat disappointed in not getting their promised snow for Christmas, but most of the older people rejoiced that the precipitation came in such form as not to require shoveling.

STOLEN GOODS HERE

Several big robberies in Fall River within a short time developed a trail that led to Newport, and late last week police from Fall River and Newport found a large quantity of the loot stored in a house at the corner of Spring and Mary streets. The lessee of the house at first disclaimed any knowledge of the persons who hired the room, but finally revealed their names to the police.

The storeroom of the Essex shirt factory in Fall River was broken into on December 12, and a large quantity of silk shirts and other valuable articles were stolen. The police were completely at a loss at first, but finally received a tip that brought them to Newport. A locked room in the Spring street house was forced, and there a great quantity of stolen goods was found, all carefully piled up in orderly fashion. The goods were taken back to Fall River and there two men were placed under arrest charged with breaking and entering. Goods were found in the Newport collection that had been taken from other places than the shirt factory.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen on Tuesday evening, Aldermen Hughes and Hanley were made a committee to arrange for the inauguration of the new city government which will take place on Monday, January 5. Aldermen Kirby and Hughes were made a committee to prepare an examination for candidates for the position of mechanician for the fire department.

The Retail Trade Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will hold an open meeting on Tuesday evening next for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion regarding traffic regulation in the center of the city. There should be a great deal of interest manifested in this matter, as the traffic congestion gets worse each day.

Kolah Grotto will hold its annual Kiddies' Christmas entertainment at Masonic Hall on Thursday, January 1, at 2:00 o'clock. A Christmas tree will be provided for the youngsters and there will also be an entertainment program. Refreshments will be served.

The printed reports of the committee of 25 have been mailed from the city clerk's office.

PORTSMOUTH

(From our regular correspondent)

MR. WILLIAM H. BONE

Mr. William H. Bone died early Sunday morning at the Portsmouth Hospital, after a short illness. Mr. Bone had been in poor health for some time and went to the Hospital for an operation. The case proved to be more serious than was expected and pneumonia set in following the operation, causing his death.

Mr. Bone was born in the Isle of Wight 52 years ago and came to this country when about 21 years of age. In 1902 he became the manager of Sandy Point Farm for Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt.

Mr. Bone was a member of Eureka Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Aquidneck Chapter; R. A. M., DeBlos Council, Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection, Washington Commandery, Aquidneck Chapter, O. E. S., Newport Lodge of Elks, Portsmouth Grange, and United Order of Workmen. He served as a member of the town council from 1914 to 1920.

Mr. Bone is survived by his widow, two daughters, Misses Julie and Happy Bone, his mother and several sisters and brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. The Lodge of Elks held their services at his home. The Episcopal service was conducted at St. Mary's Church by Rev. James P. Conover, after which Washington Commandery conducted their services in charge of Commander Chester Staats, assisted by the Prelate, Arch. B. Commerford and other members. The bearers were all members of Eureka Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., and were Messrs. Jethro H. Peckham, W. M. Frank H. Wheeler, Frank J. Thomas, Walter B. Chase, George Lawton, David P. Hedley, James Livesey, and William B. Anthony. The interment was in the Island Cemetery in Newport. The floral tributes filled three large automobiles and were very beautiful.

The regular meeting of Portsmouth Grange was held at Fair Hall with a good attendance. After the business meeting, Christmas carols were sung and a Christmas tree was found to be loaded with gifts and candy. Peanuts were also distributed. Refreshments were served, consisting of cake, ice cream and cocoa. Dancing was enjoyed.

The public schools closed on Wednesday for the holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 1925.

Mr. LeRoy Peckham has been confined to his home for several days, by illness.

Miss Martha Allen has returned to her home from Wallum Lake.

News has been received of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Brownell of Windsor, Nova Scotia, and Mr. V. T. Vanicek of this town. Mr. Vanicek is the son of Mr. V. A. Vanicek, the well known nurseryman. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vanicek will return here after their honeymoon and will occupy Mr. Vanicek's father's home until their new bungalow on Vernon avenue is completed. Mrs. Vanicek is a graduate nurse of the Newport Hospital.

Much seaweed has been washed in at the shore during the past three weeks and the farmers have been busy carting it to their farms.

The masquerade ball, to be given at the Hall on New Year's eve, will be under the auspices of Oakdale Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Sarah Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The meeting of the Middletown Red Cross Public Health Committee, which is held on the first Thursday of each month, will be postponed to the second Thursday, on January 8, and will be held at St. George's School.

After a short evening service on Sunday evening at St. Columba's Berkley Memorial Chapel, the chapel was decorated with Christmas greens by members of the parish. At the conclusion of this pleasant duty, those who assisted in this work adjourned to the parish house, where sandwiches and coffee were served.

Mrs. Howard G. Peckham, assisted by her daughter, Miss Janet Peckham, had charge of the Christmas tree and gifts of the Berkley Memorial Sunday School. For a great many years this work has been done by Mrs. Robert Patterson, whose death occurred recently. Mrs. Patterson was an enthusiastic worker in matters pertaining to this church and Sunday school.

A large crowd of people attended the performance of the Aquidneck Grange Minstrel Show, which was held at Oakdale Hall. This was the third performance and was considered a greater success than the two previous performances. Mr. John Nicholson was interlocutor and Miss Glorine Raynor was accompanist. Local jokes were told and the entire show was full of rep and vim. After the closing number, dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by the Imperial Serenaders, with Mr. William S. Bailey, 3d, leader. Ice cream and cake were on sale.

The Christmas party of the Oliphant School was held on Wednesday afternoon.

The Wild Rose Troop of Girl Scouts held a meeting at the Holy Cross Guild House, at which time packages were wrapped and put into Christmas stockings to be sent to Oaklawn School for Girls. It was voted to send baskets of fruit to several persons for Christmas. It was planned to repeat the play "The Strange Cadence." The Christmas party was held on Friday afternoon at the Holy Cross Guild House and a Christmas tree was enjoyed by all.

Greek City Once Home of the Apostle Paul

Scholars state that St. Paul's short epistle to Titus was written during his short period of freedom after his first imprisonment in Rome, but not long before his second imprisonment with which the scriptural account of the career of the great apostle terminates. In the twelfth verse of the third chapter St. Paul directs Titus to come to him at Nicopolis, "for I have determined there to winter." This Nicopolis was the celebrated city of Ephesus. It was known as the "City of Victoria" and was built by the emperor Augustus in memory of his naval victory at Actium over the combined forces of Antony and Cleopatra. This victory practically made Octavius, later Augustus, the ruler of the Roman empire. The battle of Actium was fought in the year 31 B. C., and four years later Octavius was proclaimed emperor with the title of Augustus. Nicopolis stood on a peninsula on the west coast of Greece and on one side of the peninsula was the bay of Actium, the scene of the battle that takes its name from that of the bay. According to tradition, it was at Nicopolis that St. Paul was made a prisoner for the second time and carried to Rome.

Homing Instinct Strongly Developed in the Pig

A pig belonging to a Texas farmer was sold to a dealer who lived eight miles away. The morning after the sale the pig reappeared in its old sty, having escaped from its new quarters during the night.

The homing instinct is stronger in the pig than in most animals. An instance similar to the above occurred in Illinois, where a pig traveled 14 miles back to its old home, after being sold in a local market.

Darwin believed the pig capable of developing the sagacity of a dog. For example, a sow belonging to a Wisconsin farmer was trained to hunt game, at which it became more expert than most pointers. The fame of this animal spread far and wide, and tempting offers were made to buy it.

Records show that pigs in former days were often used as beasts of burden, while there is at least one well-authenticated instance of a pig being employed for rounding up sheep. Perhaps the most curious use to which the species has ever been put was to draw a carriage for an eccentric English nobleman.

Young Wolves in Packs

As a rule, wolves travel in packs only in the winter. The mating season for most wolves is in December and January. The young are born in burrows usually excavated by the wolves themselves. During the period of confinement the male feeds the female. There are generally from four to six cubs in a litter. They are blind for 21 days and are suckled for about two months. At the end of one month they are able to eat half digested flesh disgorged by the mother. They usually quit their parents in November or December, just before the pairing season, when they are less than a year old, but frequently the young remain together six or eight months longer. Wolves reach maturity in about three years. Hence the only young wolves found in packs are half-grown wolves which have left their mothers.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Pythons Sold by Yard

When shows and museums find it necessary to replenish their stock of pythons and boas they usually have to buy them by the yard, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. New York forms the center of the snake-importing industry in America, and each year men go from there to Africa, India, Sumatra and South America, returning in the spring with hundreds of the big reptiles. A seven-foot python can be had for about \$20, according to snake dealers, while a length of 25 feet—found in the regal specimens from Sumatra—runs the price up from \$100 or \$100. Boas come smaller. Sixteen feet is said to be the maximum at an age of eight or ten years. In price these also start at about \$20 and run as high as \$200.

Taught Care of Books

Every child in Los Angeles upon entering the third grade is taught how to borrow books from the library and how to take care of books. The children's librarian visits each third-grade room and explains to the pupils the use of the library. Her aim is to arouse an interest in reading and teach the children to care for the books, says School Life. Following this a letter is written to the parents urging their co-operation in the correct use of the library. In addition a leaflet, entitled "How To Borrow Books," is distributed among the library's patrons.

Wasps

Possibly the best known of Fabre's discoveries is of the wasp who stings her prey with exact surgery so as to paralyze but not to kill, and then packs it away with her larvae, who need living food but would be killed by the least if it were not paralyzed. The mother wasp, who never sees her young, thus makes the most complete and intricate scientific preparations for the safety as well as the nourishment of their early days. Those of us whose minds are not drugged by some mere word, like instinct, must forever stand amazed before such wonders of planning.—Norman Hapgood in Hearst's International.

Easter Island Statue Pride of Archeologists

The world's most ancient statue is to be found outside, not inside, the British museum.

It is said that it took 200 men from the crew of his majesty's ship Topaz, and 300 natives to drag the statue from its original site, although it weighs only four tons. It is the work of a race of huge bulldozers and was one of many similar colossal statues, some of them weighing as much as a hundred tons, scattered over Easter Island in the Pacific, London Tit-Bits says.

These hideous images were originally supplied with hats, in some cases weighing another five or six tons, which were red because they were made of lava or volcanic rock. All the hats have fallen off now and are found lying around the huge statues as though there had been a high wind.

This race of ancient bulldozers left traces in the shape of immense stone monuments right across the Pacific and many archeologists think that the islands on which these monuments are found are the last remnants left above the surface of a vast submerged continent. There is nothing which fixes the exact period of this achievement, but it is possible that the statues are at least as old as the pyramids of Egypt.

Common Phrase Once Had Distinct Meaning

In olden times in many parts of England, particularly during the feudal period, the poor living on a lord's manor or estate were allowed to go into the manor woods or forest with a hook and crook to get wood for fuel. What they could reach they might pull down with their crook. This was a precarious way of procuring fuel, but the privilege was eagerly sought. Boundary stones, beyond which the "hook and crook folk" might not pass, were to be seen of late years in some old forests. However, this custom does not satisfy the present use of the phrase, "hook and crook," which does not simply mean in a precarious manner, but at all hazards, ill or well.

The custom referred to is described in the Bodmin Register of 1625. In which is this statement: "Dympne Wood was ever open and common to the inhabitants of Bodmin to bear away upon their backs a burden of log, crop, hook and bag wood."

World's Oldest Poem

Homer, the Greek poet, is credited with being a composer of the oldest and most famous poem in existence, "The Iliad." Homer lived about 1000 B. C. and in his immortal epic describes, in 24 books, certain important events that occurred in the tenth and last year of the siege of Troy. Agamemnon, the commander-in-chief of the allied Greeks, having quarreled with Achilles, the latter retires in anger from the contest and sulks in his tent. As a result of this defection the Trojans are victorious and Achilles, accordingly, sends his friend, Patroclus, to turn the tide of battle. Patroclus, however, is slain by Hector, whereupon Achilles, rushing forth in rage to avenge the death of his friend, kills Hector and drags his body fastened to his chariot—towards the Grecian ships. The poem of the Iliad closes with the restoration of the body of Hector to Priam, and the funeral ceremonies in honor of the Trojan hero.

"Fishing" for Coal

A quaint occupation is that of the "drudger," who, with the aid of long stakes called "bitchers," saves coal dropped overboard during the process of coaling ship.

The "drudging" fleet, a collection of queer little broad-beamed boats, is to be seen at work at all waterside places where ships take in coal or discharge it, says London Tit-Bits.

A certain amount of coal falls overboard into the river or harbor mud, from which it is retrieved by the "drudgers," who wash it, take it ashore and sell it to householders at a low price.

Coal "drudging" is a skilled occupation, and one that is handed down from father to son.

Brain Works in Hot Bath

When you have some particularly knotty problem to solve, try a steamy hot bath. Nothing is so conducive to clear thinking as a hot tub, asserts Dr. L. Hubbard of Washington, D. C., in Hygeia, health magazine published by the American Medical Association.

Have the water as hot as can be borne, and then a little hotter, advises Doctor Hubbard, and be sure to have a paper and pencil within reach so that you will not lose the brilliant ideas that are sure to come.

Such a bath is weakening and would be exhausting to some people, but used in an emergency, it will be found well worth while.

Not Acquainted

In an influential parish church it had been found necessary to provide the minister with an assistant. Some difficulty was evidently experienced. Ultimately it appeared that a suitable candidate had been found.

Following the Sunday on which he preached, a woman member of the congregation met a church officer, whom she proceeded to congratulate on their having secured such a likely young man as prospective assistant.

"Oh, well," he said, "it's just a case of Hobson's choice."

"Indeed," was the reply, "but who is Hobson?"

TRAFFIC CASUALTIES DOUBLE WAR'S TOLL

Combined Deaths and Injuries 700,600 in 1923.

Washington.—"There is almost joint lack of systematic effort to secure accurate and complete data regarding traffic accidents, their types and causes, and methods of prevention," declares the Committee on Statistics of the Conference on Street and Highway Safety, in report to Secretary of Commerce Hoover based on a thorough survey which revealed an annual loss in the United States due to street and highway accidents in 1923 of 22,000 persons killed, 678,000 serious injuries and an economic loss of \$900,000,000.

The committee's report shows that there were more than twice as many casualties in street and highway accidents in the United States during 1923 than there were for the United States army at home and abroad in the World war. The highway and street casualties include "killed and seriously injured." This takes no account of minor accidents.

The report also shows that there were only 14,210 more of our men killed in action in the World war than in street and highway accidents in 1923.

In states where centralized agencies have been created to investigate such accidents, it has been possible to attempt a systematic remedy of the conditions. But 34 states have no adequate system for securing such information and in few states is any record kept except where death or serious personal injury result from traffic accidents.

Committee's Recommendations.

Such facts, the committee says, "are fundamental to the adoption of adequate methods of traffic control. If the present situation is to be improved" And the committee's recommendations provide that:

"Statistics regarding street and highway accidents are so vital to any comprehensive understanding and treatment of the safety problem that their collection and analysis in every state and community is essential.

"Where such do not exist, statutes should be passed in every state which should make it the specific business of some state agency, preferably that clothed with authority, to issue and revoke licenses, to receive traffic accident reports and investigate all such accidents, whether occurring within or without the corporate limits of municipalities."

"It should be made, by law, obligatory for those concerned to report all traffic accidents, and an adequate penalty for failure to report should be provided.

"Reasonable uniformity in reporting and tabulating data is essential, and some competent body should undertake the compilation of standard definitions of terms.

"Sufficiently detailed information should be gathered to indicate clearly whether the accidents occurred because of: Carelessness, carelessness or incapacity of persons; fault of mechanism of vehicle; physical conditions of the locality where the accident occurred.

Urge Spot Maps.

The committee includes 18 items of information which should be obtained to constitute an adequate report.

Spot maps, to detect danger points and to serve as a basis for remedial action, should be maintained.

The experience of the committee led its members to express the hope that its report "will lead to improvement in the field of traffic accident reporting; that it will stimulate the governmental agencies and the various private organizations interested to a more intensive study . . . and greater efforts."

In its study of fatal accidents the committee found from the records of the census bureau that highway fatalities are growing at a more rapid rate than accidental deaths from all causes and that automobile fatalities are growing more rapidly than highway fatalities as a whole. For example, the total number of accidental deaths increased 10.7 per cent between 1922 and 1923, whereas the total number of highway fatalities increased 17.8 per cent, and automobile fatalities increased 20.3 per cent.

Westminster Cathedral to Have Open-Air Altar

London.—An open-air altar and pulpit equipped with loud speakers is being erected just outside Westminster cathedral, so that thousands of persons participating in processions and overflow meetings will be able to hear the preacher's voice.

Cardinal Bourne, making this announcement at the annual meeting of the Catholic Evidence Guild, said the cathedral was not sufficient on certain occasions of the year, and that the whole of the land around the cathedral would be leveled and cleared to provide for overflow meetings.

Horse Finds Mate

Atchison, Kan.—There apparently is such a thing as horse sense after all. A horse belonging to James Wagner, Atchison county farmer, became imprisoned in a deserted barn. For three days the horse was missing, until Wagner became attracted by the fact that the horse's mate continued to peer through the cracks in the old barn, and found the horse imprisoned inside.

PIGEON VETERANS OF WAR HAVE HOME

Two of the Birds Carry the Scars of Battle.

Los Angeles, Calif.—A home for United States army carrier pigeons, veterans of the World war, has been established here at the army pigeon lofts at Holls Field, Arvinia.

Included among the 200 birds at the home, all of which saw service overseas, are three honor birds, so distinguished because of their exceptional performances in action.

Two of these, President Wilson and The Mockin, carry scars of battle. President Wilson sacrificed a leg and The Mockin an eye in the fight for victory.

The third bird hero at the home, Spike, appears none the worse for his warlike experiences. His claim to fame lies in his record of having carried 51 messages of importance without being injured.

Ray R. Delphauer, pigeon expert in charge of the army lofts, considers these birds heroes no less than the former soldiers.

President Wilson, a slate-colored homing pigeon of great vitality and rapidity of flight, was first used in the tank corps. His work was so well done he was transferred to the Meuse-Argonne sector and stationed at Cobry. About five o'clock one rainy morning he returned from his second flight in this sector with his leg shot off. He had brought important messages at a speed of almost a mile a minute.

On the morning of September 12, 1918, The Mockin arrived at his station with one eye destroyed and his head a welter of blood. The message tube he carried contained information of great importance and gave the locations of several heavy artillery batteries which the Germans had been using effectively on the American troops.

The American artillery had every enemy gun in that sector silenced within twenty minutes after The Mockin arrived. Thus The Mockin was credited with saving many American lives.

There also are a few German carrier pigeons at the home. They were captured from the enemy. Delphauer says these birds will be used for breeding and development, as they have proved superior to other varieties.

Make Two Railroad Ties Where We Now Make One

Syracuse, N. Y.—How to make two railroad cross-ties where we now make one is told by Prof. Nelson C. Brown, head of the department of wood utilization, New York state college of forestry, Syracuse university.

The system explained by Professor Brown is the one generally followed in Europe. Railroad ties in Europe are narrower on the top than on the bottom. In the United States ties are largely cut square. This sort of tie is probably more serviceable than the European type, but the United States may soon be forced to follow the European method due to the shortage of timber, or find a substitute for wood ties which has not been possible up to the present time.

In Europe the log from which ties are cut is trimmed on two sides only. In America the log is trimmed on four sides to make one square tie. By trimming the log on only two sides and cutting it through, the center two ties are obtained. The diameter of the log represents the under surface of the tie and the trimmed sides represent the upper side upon which the rail rests.

From trees 12 inches in diameter two ties with a 12-inch base are thus obtained. Trees 18 inches in diameter yield four ties by the same system of trimming and cutting the log twice, through two diameters at right angles. According to the usual method in the United States a 14-inch log, trimmed on four sides, will produce only one tie with a 10-inch base.

The United States is the greatest user of wood ties in the world.

Girl Student Forgets She Is Heiress to \$250,000

Berkeley, Calif.—When Rudolph Banning, wealthy San Francisco and Honolulu resident, died a year ago, he left one-quarter of his \$1,000,000 estate to his niece, Miss Ida Eleanor Weaver, University of California student. It was learned here, when questioned about it, Miss Weaver said she had been so interested in her studies she had almost forgotten about it.

Miss Weaver, who is a premedical student, said she is looking forward to founding a hospital after her graduation.

London Girl Goes to Show; Checks Weapon

London.—The police are trying to solve the mystery of a fashionably dressed and pretty young woman, bob-hair and hatless, who casually checked a parcel in the cloakroom of Daly's theater. A curious checkroom attendant opened the package and found a live bomb of a well-known variety used by the British Tommies in the trenches during the war. The woman asked an usher to bring the parcel to her seat during the midst of the performance, but the bomb had already been given to the police. The woman left the theater unnoticed.

The Scrap Book

Sea Serpents Seized

Steamship in Straits

Although sea serpents are now generally conceded to belong only to the world of fables, there are approximately 50 species of snakes that make their home in salt water, some of them attaining a length of several feet. They are poisonous, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine, and although timid under ordinary conditions have been known to attack savagely when disturbed. When the steamship Ikaia dropped anchor in the Straits of Maccassar not long ago, it roused a school of salt-water reptiles that swarmed on board, wriggling up the chains and hawsers. The ship was reported to have been held up several days before the snakes could be driven away. In many respects these reptiles resemble the land varieties, but have broad paddle-shaped tails, which enable them to swim rapidly after small fish.

American Population Has Drifted to Cities

At the birth of the American nation 130 years ago, its largest city had not more than 33,000 inhabitants and only one person out of thirty lived in the six towns of 8,000 or more inhabitants, Abram L. Harris, Jr., writes in Current History Magazine. In 1800 there were in the United States only six cities whose population was over \$1,000 and these contained only 4 per cent of the population of the entire country.

In 1900 there were 547 such cities, which at this time contained 32.9 per cent of the country's population. But in 1920 the number of such cities had increased to 924 and contained 43.8 per cent of the total population. Today nearly one-half of the American population lives in places of over 2,500 inhabitants, a tenth in villages and hardly more than two-tenths in the open country.

Mail Clerk in Luck

A few weeks ago a registered letter containing \$8,000 was sent from a firm in New York to a bank in Augusta, Maine. On failure to arrive in Augusta an inspector traced it to a point on a Maine railroad. The mail clerk to whom it must have been delivered was faced with the charge of theft. He asked permission to search his car on the mail train that he had worked on. Under observation he was allowed

Trade in Human Heads Recognized as Legal

For a hundred dollars New Yorkers can buy a human head, shrunken and shriveled. These heads are smuggled into the United States from Ecuador, where they are contraband. Immediately they reach American shores they become legal merchandise, says an article in an English paper.

The Jivaro Indians, of which there are 15,000 in the oriental region of Ecuador, have been cutting off the heads of their enemies and their own dead for years, and pickling them in a secret preparation only known to their own savage tribes. The heads, after treatment, shrink from natural size to a grisly miniature about three by two inches in size.

A hatter is said to have a representative in Ecuador who regularly ships these heads to Panama City, because there is no legitimate market for them in the cities of Ecuador. In America, however, they have a ready sale. Prompted by some morbid instinct, American women of fashion pay prices ranging from \$250 to \$350 for each grisly specimen.

The market is so brisk in America now that the demand is far in excess of the supply, and standing orders are left by New York dealers with agents, who find difficulty in coping with the incessant trade.

In appearance the heads are misshapen, and are generally covered with rich, black, abundant hair, some red and yellow toucan feathers in the ears.

A peculiar feature of the dried heads is that the hair is said to continue to grow. In the Bishop museum in Honolulu the hair on one of the heads grew over an inch in length after its acquisition.

The Root of Corruption

The late Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany chieftain, used to tell a story to illustrate the corrupting power of money.

"A New York man"—so his story would run—"attended a colored church in Nola Chuck one Sunday morning while traveling in the South, and put a \$20 bill in the collection plate."

"At this the collector gave a great start. He rushed the plate, with its little heap of coppers and its clean, crisp yellow banknote, up to the pulpit. There he and the preacher and a couple of deacons conversed excitedly in hissing whispers for some time.

"Finally the collector tripped down to the New York man and muttered in his ear:

"Boss, when is yo' gwine ter leave town?"

"This afternoon," said the New Yorker.

"Well, boss," whispered the collector, "we all's done decided to pass her off you don't say nuffin'. Dere ain't a man in Nola Chuck' could tell her from a good one."

Bobbed Hair Long Ago

"The new woman" will no longer be able to employ as a sign of her emanicipation a bobbed head of hair. It has just been discovered in the little town of Wymlington, Northamptonshire, that this fashion is at least five hundred years old. The restoration of the parish church there has revealed a painting depicting women with their hair bobbed in the style of 1924.

Hidden under coating of thin plaster were discovered wall paintings representing the resurrection and the judgment. The plaster has now been carefully removed to show the decorations. Most of the figures in the paintings are women. Some have their hair falling about the shoulders, but the artist has given the majority short hair, cut exactly in the manner of the modern girl's coiffure.

The vicar, Rev. C. L. Drew, believes the paintings are of the same age as the church, which was built in 1330.

Electricity on Submarines

The electric storage battery is the thing that has made the submarine possible. When these under-sea boats are cruising on the surface of the water they are driven by steam or gas engines but when they dive toward Davy Jones' locker the engines are stopped and electric motors using energy drawn from the storage batteries keep the propellers whirling. When back on the surface the engines also drive electric dynamos which recharge the storage batteries. On board the U. S. S. V-1, recently launched at the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard, practically all of the work is done electrically save propelling the ship when surface cruising.

Strong Argument

"Mother" Ware of Hollywood is strong for the old sturdy Puritan stock, the good old days, and all the other traditions on which the greatness of the nation rests. Jean, her daughter-in-law, is quite the reverse, which creates an ever fertile field for controversy.

"I don't think so much of the men of today," remarked "Mother" Ware recently. "They are too wishy-washy. Now, our forefathers were men of iron nerve."

"Oh, I don't know so much about that," retorted Jean. "None of them ever tried to kiss a girl and break a speed law at the same time."—Los Angeles Times.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

Russian Children Have Brief Carefree Moments

Presently there came to us the sound of a tambourine and the singing of youthful voices. The children who had been standing in groups listening to their wrangling elders dashed joyously into the street. Nikfor, hooked his arm into mine and bade me follow him. Soon, there passed before us a procession of young people headed by the village band—an accordion and a tambourine. The girls followed directly behind the players. They were in holiday attire, white waist, neat little aprons, some in big shoes, others barefooted. They walked arm in arm with one another. The boys, also in Sunday clothes, trailed after them. They were all singing in lusty, resonant voices an old melody of a Cossack killing a gipsy who threatened to steal his sweetheart. It was to me a beautiful and thrilling sight—these boys and girls, barefoot, many of them, in old though freshly laundered clothes, walking briskly and in step, oblivious or unindulged of the cares that pressed with brutal agony upon their fathers, and gazing themselves with joyous abandon to song and play, and it made me forget for the moment the ugly mind, the ugly boulders and the multitude of embittered souls walling with sullen pietiness at the fate that had befallen them.—Maurice G. Hinckley in the Yale Review.

Machine Puts on Record Development of Plants

A wonderful machine has been invented which measures the growth of plants. A small thread connects the plant with the apparatus, which consists of an electric battery and a drum which revolves slowly.

Above this drum is a pen worked by electricity. As the plant grows the thread slackens, and causes a connection between the battery and pen. The latter drops onto the drum and makes a mark. At the same time a small rod is pushed up, which tightens the string again. Thus the drum shows the growth of the plant over a given period, and information is obtained showing the effect of heat and light upon various specimens.

It has been proved that most plants grow more rapidly at night, and this fact has been of great assistance to those engaged in forcing the growth of flowers and vegetables.

Torpedo

It is curious that a projectile which is famous for its swift action once it is started on its way should have been derived from the word "torpid." But "torpid" is the origin of our word "torpedo."

The word "torpid" has two meanings. One is what the word generally designates—lack of motion or feeling. The other is, by association, a kind of racing boat used at Oxford university. The torpedo is in one sense a racing boat, but is in no sense torpid once it is set in motion to do its deadly work.

Only before it has been fitted is the torpedo a torpid or inactive object. After that simple process has been performed it is, generally speaking, as effective as lightning when it strikes.—Chicago Journal.

Collector's Queer Hobby

The world is full of "collectors." Collectors of stamps, coins, spoons, autographs, etc., etc., and now comes the collection of beer bottle labels. A London dealer recently offered for sale, for \$25, 10,000 beer-bottle labels, carefully preserved in 15 albums. They comprise fine clear specimens from nearly every brewery in the world, of beautiful design and artistic merit. A noted collector has spent 30 years in travelling and getting them together. Many of the breweries represented have been closed down, and the brands are obsolete.

Oldest Juniper Tree

What is believed to be the oldest juniper tree in the world is now being protected by the forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The tree is in northern Utah, and a careful examination shows the age of the tree to be not less than 3,000 years, thus placing it on a par with the big redwood trees in California. The diameter, breast high, is 7 feet 6 inches and the height is 42 feet. The forest service has erected a sign near the tree, giving the interesting facts about the age-old veteran.—Datrymen's League News.

Flowers Show Emotions

Experiments made at the Jardin L'Acclimatation de Paris have, according to the Medical Journal and Record, demonstrated that flowers are almost as quick to show signs of displeasure as human beings.

Most people know what it is to arrange two kinds of blossoms in a vase and then to find a few hours later that the blooms are drooping. In most cases this is due to the fact that flowers object to being associated with one another. Separate the blossoms and, in a short while, they will be as fresh as ever.

The Reason

Brown and Jones, at the club, were lamenting the absence of their mutual friend Robinson, who had got married.

"We don't see much of Robinson now," said Brown. "I fancy his movements are not so free as they used to be."

"That's true," replied Jones. "Since he tied the knot he's not had so much rope."

The Scrap Book

Ordeal of "Trial by Touch" Long Popular

This was an ancient superstition, although not entirely confined to Scotland. Andrew Smeaton was charged in 1636 with the murder of a man found dead in Belshaw Moss. At the request of his master, the laird of Abercurnie, he touched the corpse as the others assembled had done.

He even went further and "lifted him up and embraced him in his arms, and willingly offered to remain a space in grave with him." As no blood followed on this contact, he was held innocent, as no doubt he was.

In 1644 four men were drowned by the upsetting of their boat in a calm. Marion Peebles, a noted witch, was charged with having changed herself into a porpoise, and under this form to have wrecked the boat. Conclusive proof was obtained when at her touch "one died at the collar-bone, another in the hand and fingers; gushing out blood thereof to the great admiration of the beholders and revulsion of the judgment of the Almighty."

Another noted witch, Christiane Wilson, quizzed with her brother. One day in 1681 he was found dead in his own house, naked, and with a bloodless blow on his face. Christiane was suspected. The baillie and ministers hurried her to the dead man's house. As she touched the corpse the blood gushed out, staining her fingers. She was condemned.

Arabians Can Have at Least One Good Laugh

A naturalist recently returned from Arabia has described to a learned society a plant called the "laughing cactus." The plant gets its name from the fact that anyone eating its seed gives way for some minutes afterward to immature laughter, frequently ending in nervous prostration.

The natives of the district in which the plant flourishes dry the seeds and grind them into powder, which they keep, and on suitable occasions administer to those against whom they have a real or fancied grievance.

An overdose may result in temporary loss of reason, following which the victim falls into a deep sleep, awakening with no memory of his curious conduct.

Fish's Deadly Tail

A fish which can emulate some of the feats at a rodeo has been captured in the English channel, and is now in the Brighton aquarium. The tail of the fish, which is known as the sting ray, is long and flexible and armed with a lengthy projecting spine, sharply pointed and furnished along both edges with razor-sharp, saw-like teeth.

When attacked, the sting ray suddenly throws this whip-like tail, with unerring precision, around the offender, in lasso fashion, and, holding the victim tightly against the barbed spine, wields this weapon with such ferocious strength and rapidity that it lacerates the flesh to a frightful extent.

NOT DELICATE ENOUGH



"There's been a great drop in prices."

"So? None of the seismographs have reported the shock, however, I'm sure."

White Blueberries

White strawberries, white currants and white raspberries are not uncommon, but it remains for the town of Whittemore, Maine, to have the distinction of having white blueberries growing within its limits, says the Boston Globe. This freak of nature occurs on land owned by Newell Albee, who is very careful of his treasure and allows only a very few to be picked.

Garden Curiosities

The latest addition to this season's garden freaks was found by Arthur C. Miller of Auburn, N. Y., when in digging potatoes he found one spud affectionately wrapped around the end of a horse bit. Another unusual specimen in his garden is a squash vine which has produced two squashes, one of the green variety, the other yellow.

French Eat More Meat

Industrial and agricultural workers in France are eating more meat than ever before, while people in easy circumstances are following hygienists' advice to consume less flesh.

Five Calves Born to Cow

A mixed Jersey and Shorthorn cow owned by A. Kaldenburg at Colfax, Iowa, gave birth to five calves.

However, the mother and all her offspring died.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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Dog Kills Pet Fawn

Charlottesville, N. J.—Because an eight-week-old fawn had the attentions of children of Thomas W. Reilly, superintendent of the Newark watershed. Bogs a wire-haired terrier, driven to desperation by jealousy, killed the fawn. The dog followed the deer into the woods near the Reilly home and attacked it. The dog was called off, but the fawn did not survive.

Vine Grows Lost Ring

Sullivan, Mo.—A gold ring lost 50 years ago was found by Mrs. C. C. Rose growing on the end of a potato vine in her garden. Initials revealed the identity of the owner as Mrs. J. A. Dotter. It came off her finger in washing dishes and she threw it away with the dishwater.

Country Uses Much Chromite

Use of chromite by American leather and steel industries has made the United States the world's largest consumer of the mineral.

Indian Superstition

The Indians believe that a fish buried in the corn hill gives a better yield of corn.

Cause of Writer's Cramp

Writer's cramp has been defined as an occupational neurosis to which those who do too much writing, especially with the hand too tightly contracted, are liable. A person with the trouble has no control over the muscles of the thumb and middle and fore fingers, although other manual operations are performed without difficulty. The affection seldom manifests itself till toward middle age.

Earliest Anesthetic

Ether was the earliest-known anesthetic. It was discovered probably as far back as the Thirteenth century. For a long time it was supposed to contain sulphur, and hence the name "sulphuric ether" was applied to it. Its true composition was established by Saussure (1807) and by Gay-Lussac (1815). Later Williamson explained its formation and chemical constitution.

Sandals Caused Scandals

Several amusing incidents have occurred since the recently discovered mosaics at the Chapter house, Westmister, England, were opened to the public. At first visitors had to remove their shoes and assume sandals. One absent-minded man walked into the street still wearing his sandals; while another visitor found a dilapidated pair of shoes left in place of his perfectly sound pair. Such mistakes are now obviated by the sandals being placed over the footwear.

After Many Days

A man left his umbrella in a carriage on an English railroad some months ago. The other week, while travelling on another line he came across it on the rack of the carriage in which he was travelling.

Sisters' Triple Wedding

Three orphan sisters—the Misses Mary, Lily, and Teresa Joyce—were all married at the same time at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Blackburn, England.

Uninvited Guest

A live kingfisher was found recently in Lord Rosse's bedroom in his house at Rosedale, Ireland.

It was still there when the

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Now France fears a "commercial war with Germany." That's better than a military war. Especially for the ultimate consumer.

Theatre men are complaining that the crossword puzzle craze keeps people at home. That's reprehensible, but it may result in better plays.

Statistics show that it costs more than three times as much to build a house today as it did in 1913. It would seem that these monumental prices ought to show some signs of coming down, but the signs are not observable at present writing. The high prices have caused a lull in building in many parts of the country.

American investors in the last few weeks have received the nice little sum of \$750,000,000 on their foreign loans. The foreign loans the past year reached nearly two billions of dollars, and still American investors have money to loan to foreigners with good security. The time is not far distant when the inhabitants of the United States will be the bankers of the world.

INJUNCTIONS ASKED FOR

The New Haven Railroad is going to fight the bus lines in New England. It has made application to the Superior Court in Providence for an injunction against fifteen bus lines operating in this state, carrying passengers out of the state. The New Haven line to Fall River escapes in this list. The line the road seeks to enjoin are two lines between Boston and Providence; one line between Worcester and Providence; two lines between Fall River and Providence; three lines between Attleboro and Providence; the Woonsocket and Boston line; the Taunton and Providence line; the Springfield and Providence line; the New London and Providence which stops at Westerly; the Hartford and Providence line; the Southbridge and Providence line; and the Pawtucket and Fall River line. These lines if allowed to continue to operate, will greatly injure the New Haven road, and in our opinion should not be allowed to do business in a territory already well covered by the steam road.

TAXES REDUCED ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS

Reduction of income and war taxes by Congress last spring cost the government nearly \$100,000,000 in revenue during the first five months of the operation of the new law, the internal revenue bureau reports.

Income taxes collected in the period July 1 to December 1, totalled \$453,758,074, a decrease of \$81,000,000 as compared with the same period last year.

Miscellaneous taxes formerly including many war time taxes which were abolished by the new law, totalled \$375,818,811, a decrease of \$67,000,000.

The only sizeable increase was in taxation of taxes on dues of athletic, social and sporting organizations which jumped \$277,000 to a total of \$8,000,000.

LARGEST MAJORITY EVER GIVEN ANY PRESIDENT

President Coolidge's official majority over his Democratic opponent was 7,339,827 at the late election. His vote was 15,718,789; Davis had 8,878,962 votes, and La Follette had 4,822,319 votes. Coolidge carried every northern state except Oklahoma, which went for Davis, and Wisconsin, which went alone for La Follette. Coolidge carried the southern state of Kentucky by 24,111 majority. Coolidge rolled up the tremendous majority of 992,289 in Pennsylvania. The majority for Coolidge exceeded that of Harding four years ago, and was the largest ever given any Presidential candidate.

The Providence Journal says that Rhode Island is the only state in the Union that imprisons men for debt, and that last year some eighty persons were imprisoned for that cause. That statement does not apply to Newport, for it has been many years since anyone in this city has been jailed for debt. The law is only applied to when the party is about to leave the state, and all cases of that kind have been settled without jail sentence. The last case of jailing of which there is any remembrance was many years ago, when the young man objected to being released. He said he had a warm room and plenty to eat in jail, which was more than he had outside.

A BIG FIGHT OVER THE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

The battle over the child labor amendment is going to be fought harder than friends of the amendment expected. The result may be decided this winter by the 38 state legislatures which meet in January. And in most of those legislatures the lines will be closely drawn.

Three states have rejected the amendment already. They are Georgia, North Carolina and Louisiana. To these may be added Massachusetts, whose referendum in the recent election went against the amendment, though official action is still to be taken by the Legislature. Only one state, Arkansas, has ratified so far.

It was assumed that the North would be nearly all for the amendment and the South solidly against it. The upsetting of calculations will add interest and flavor to the campaign waged during the winter.

Factory and farm present the big obstacles in this effort to give children greater freedom and opportunity. Both want their labor; and in each case, many parents want their children's earnings.

The factory argument is perhaps easier to meet than the farm argument. The big majority of people will admit, whether they act on the admission or not, that factory work is bad for children.

THE BEST WAY TO CURE A COLD

The weary doctor looked at his patient.

"Well," he drawled, "of course if your insurance is all paid up and you want to gamble, go ahead and stay up. You might just possibly get away with it. But if you'll put that cold to bed for about 24 hours, you won't be taking fool chances. It seems to be a fact that the mere activity of being up and about makes the king of cold you've got spread through your system. Take about one more trip down town in your present state, and I'll have a real job here. Pneumonia and a trained nurse, and all the frills, including, quite likely, the undertaker."

All colds should be put to bed for one day, say the doctors with most wisdom and experience. One's own forces will break up the cold if they are given a chance to work at that job exclusively for a short time. But when one's forces are driven over their accustomed path in spite of the cold, they have no extra margin to fight the cold with. Mr. Cold wins the first battle and, instead of a day, hangs on for a week or more. Some times he hangs on all winter.

Moreover, the fellow with the cold manages to infect a dozen others while going his rounds. The epidemic spreads, with its attendant losses of comfort, money, sometimes health and far too often, life itself.

Put the cold to bed for 24 hours. The office can spare you one day better than it can stand an epidemic. You are not so important. Try it.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK BETTER THAN FOR YEARS

At the beginning of the new year the general business outlook is more favorable than it has been at any similar time since the war. The way has been prepared for broadly diversified progress in industry and trade. The resulting prosperity, therefore, should be well sustained. But a possible headless enthusiasm, by inducing a renewal of general inflation of credit and prices, could make certain its early passing.

The most important favorable factors in the present situation include:

1. Good harvests and the improved relation between prices of farm products and of industrial commodities.

2. A sound banking condition and easy money rates.

3. Confidence that business will be encouraged by fiscal economy and further reduction of taxes, and for some years at least by freedom from new meddlesome interference by governmental agencies.

4. The successful inauguration of the Dawes plan, with its promise of increasingly stable economic conditions in Europe and further expansion of American foreign trade.

Certain obstacles to progress must be recognized, however. Continuing irregularities such, for example, as the excessively high costs of production in some industries, have harmful effects outside the industries immediately concerned.

GOVERNOR POTIER'S STAFF

Governor Pothier has selected his personal staff, all of whom are World War veterans. They are Major Arthur C. Cole of North Providence, Lieut. Fred R. Thurber of Providence, Capt. John F. Dutton of Westerly, First Lieut. John R. Hess, Jr., of Providence, First Lieut. Arthur M. Carignan of Woonsocket, and Second Lieut. Vernon R. Nixon of Cranston.

Congressman Clark Burdick and his secretary, Mr. Henry S. Wheeler, are spending the Christmas holidays in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton of New York are visiting Mrs. William H. Cotton in this city.

Weekly Calendar DECEMBER 1921

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HAYASHI REBUKES NEW WAR JINGOES

Tokio's Ambassador to Britain Calls United States-Japanese Relations "Never So Cordial."

DENIES ANIMOSITY EXISTS

Closest Friendship Needed to Maintain Peace, He Says—London Uneasy at Russ-Japanese Treaty Prospect—Pact About to Be Concluded.

London.—An important pronouncement on Japanese-American relations is made here in the Sunday Times by Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador in London. This veteran statesman has been frequently employed previously to put forward officially the real views of Tokio.

In his article, he rebutes Jingoism, both in the United States and Japan, for their propaganda, adding: "Never have American-Japanese relations been more cordial."

He asserts it is preposterous to assume "there is any real feeling of antagonism between the two countries."

"I am confident, very confident, my country's relations with America were never more promising," Hayashi says. Then, commenting on reports that Viscount Kato declined to receive the American fleet, he adds:

"I am certain Japan's reason is only because we have no port, particularly at Yokohama, after the earthquake, able to offer the necessary accommodation."

"I do wish, once and for all, the Jingo elements in various countries of the world, my own included, would not always go out of their way to place wrong interpretations on actions taken by Japan and the United States."

"How preposterous it is to assume there is any real feeling of antagonism between the two countries only the heads of those states can say personally, but I know my feelings are shared by the executive heads of my own country."

"I feel that only the closest working friendship between Great Britain, America and Japan and other powers can maintain the peace which we all so badly need. I am perhaps not giving any secret away when I say that when Secretary Hughes was in London some months ago he conveyed to me the assurance of his Government that we all had to disregard jingoistic tendencies in some of our politicians, as I have already said."

"People always ready to make mischief are to be found on both sides of the Pacific but you can take my word for it when I say they are disregarded by the bulk of their nationals."

Insists Japan Wants Peace

Asked whether the time had arrived for both Japan and the United States definitely to curb Jingoism, Baron Hayashi said that was a matter for the discretion of the two countries.

"I speak without authority on the point you raise," he said. "But as far as our country is concerned, I think our propagandists, as you call them, receive more attentive hearing outside their own country."

"Again I must emphasize that Japan wants only peace. Japan, indeed, is determined to have peace, whether with the United States or Great Britain or any other country. Naturally we want to work out our destiny unhampered by unfair restrictions, but that rule applies to the desire of every nation and must be respected by all nations."

An undercurrent of anxiety in high quarters in London regarding the situation in the Far East exists despite many recent statements emphasizing the cordial feelings between the United States and Japan and between Great Britain and Japan.

This was indicated in a recent interview between Foreign Secretary Chamberlain and a leading foreign diplomat.

The British information is that Japan, after months of negotiation, is about to conclude a treaty with Russia. The difficulty hitherto has been over the northern part of the Island of Saghalien. After the Russo-Japanese war, Russia got the northern half and Japan the southern. Japan occupied the Russian portion after the Bolshevik revolution.

RAISES FOR NAVY MEN

Increases for 78 New York Workers in New Wage Schedule.

Washington.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Robinson has approved the new schedule of wages for all civil personnel in navy yards and other shore establishments, which remains in force for the calendar year 1925. For the most part the present scale remains unchanged, although relatively small increases are granted several hundred employees, including seventy-eight in the New York Navy Yard.

GERMANY'S LOANS ABROAD

Ask For One Year or Less With Option of Renewal

Washington.—Private American loans and credits to Germany total approximately \$100,000,000, according to an unofficial but reliable German estimate. British loans amount to considerably more, while total foreign loans, exclusive of the Dawes plan, total \$300,000,000 in book credits. The greater number of these loans are for one year or less, often with the option of renewal.

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ACTOR PREACHES SERMON

Bishop Manning Entertains 600 at Luncheon, Announcing \$50,000 Altman Gift—Work on Nave of St. John's Will Be Started This Spring.

New York.—Special services were held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Sunday afternoon to direct attention to the beginning with the new year of a public drive to raise the \$15,000,000 needed to complete the cathedral. About \$3,000,000, it was announced, has been obtained by private solicitation.

Proceeding the services, Bishop William T. Manning gave a luncheon in the undercroft of the Synod House to about 600 men and women, who are interested in the cathedral as a civic undertaking, regardless of creed and denomination. Those at the luncheon, as well as many of the 1,600 who attended the special services, were representative of divers phases of New York life—finance, commerce, labor, the arts and professions, politics, the army and navy and society.

It was a community gathering, which gave its support to the campaign for the completion of the cathedral not only as a house of worship but as a temple of civic beauty, and as a symbol of the spiritual nature of the city.

This thought was emphasized in all the speeches—an address by Dr. Manning; a sermon by an actor, Maclyn Arbuckle of "County Chairman" fame, and a tract by a business man, Frederick H. Ecker, President of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and a director of many corporations.

Bishop Manning announced the receipt of a \$50,000 gift last week from Michael Friedsam on behalf of the Altman Foundation for the completion of the cathedral. The many contributions received from private sources before starting the public campaign, Bishop Manning went on, would make it possible to begin work on the nave of the cathedral next spring.

When completed, he continued, the structure will be the greatest cathedral in the English-speaking world. It will stand for faith in God and reverence for His law as the only basis of morality, and will become a symbol of the place which religion holds in our national life. New York should have one of the great cathedrals of the world, he declared, to represent religion on an equal scale with the other great interests that make up the life of the city.

Pointing out the undenominational nature of the campaign for the completion of the cathedral, Bishop Manning expressed his gratification that persons of all churches—and even some of no church at all—were participating in a spirit of Christian generosity and civic pride. He particularly mentioned the participation of labor leaders as a hopeful sign, and appealed for the support of writers, actors, artists and musicians, as well as business and professional men.

Relying on behalf of the people of the stage, Mr. Arbuckle pledged their co-operation in the movement. He said actors were inherently religious, even if they might not attend church so regularly as some others, and that they would appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the cathedral when it stood forth in its completed splendor, looking down from Morningside Heights on the houses of the city.

Religion and arts, he continued, had always gone hand in hand in the expression of the divine. Today, he went on, there was a better understanding between church and stage than ever before. Mr. Arbuckle said that actors, dramatists and producers were not to be blamed for plays, of which the religious disapprove. The fault, he explained, was with the reading public, which, he said, always support clean and wholesome plays.

Underwood Muscle Shoals Bill lost as Senators heed Norris. Shoals project to be deferred for a year. Administration spokesman Matly denied the Paris report that a financial conference for scrapping the war debts to the United States is contemplated in Washington. Senator Couzens of Michigan, in the opinion of treasury officials, may have violated the tax return secrecy clauses when he announced a return of \$21,000,000 in income taxes to the United States Steel Corporation.

Attorney General Stone said he believed large amounts of money were spent to influence action on the postal salaries increase bill. Secretary Hughes formally claims new Japanese Ambassador.

Coolidges, emerging from mourning, are hosts at first State dinner. Senator Reed lays dry agents for poisoning alcohol.

Hearings on the Cramton bill creating separate prohibition department were commenced before Senate Judiciary sub-committee. An attempt to get unanimous consent to vote on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill was blocked in the Senate by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, author of the Norris Government operation measure.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

News of General Interest
From the Six States

The state armory commissioners have advised the Massachusetts Legislature not to dispose of the muster field at Framingham at a price under \$100,000. The field comprises 113 acres, is assessed at \$56,000, and has not been of large use since the war.

The state legislature which sits in January will be asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 to \$40,000 to pay the expenses of the Guard to Washington to witness the Coolidge inauguration, it is stated by Colonel John W. Tinker, commander of the 172nd Infantry.

The Penobscot River in Maine is closed to navigation for the season of 1924. The tug Walter Ross, which came up the river to open a channel for two coal barges, anchored down the bay, cleared, and had a hard time getting out, as the narrows were jammed with broken ice frozen into a solid mass.

The first child to be born in the village of Plymouth, Vt., since Calvin Coolidge took the oath of office as President of the United States, August 3, 1923, was born December 11, and, according to the decision of the parents, was named Calvin Coolidge Rogers. The parents of the boy are Louis E. and Lena Rogers.

Miss Helen Osgood, secretary of the Lynn, Mass., Associated Charities and women's probation officer at the Lynn district court, says that the pocket flask, jazz and gay automobile parties are causes contributing to the downfall of girls of the present. Her remarks were prompted as the result of incidents coming to her notice in her dual capacity. To attempt to correct this growing evil, she says, the style of dress must be changed and sex matters ought to be taught in the high schools under proper supervision.

OUTLAWS IF THEY QUIT

Mine Workers' Chief Warns Scranton Coal Miners.

Scranton, Pa.—Twelve thousand employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, who are to take a vote next week on the question of joining a strike with 12,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who have been on three weeks, were warned by district union leaders that such action would be a violation of union laws and render them "outlaws."

BURIED IN SLEEPY HOLLOW

Workmen throughout Nation Bow in Silent Tribute

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Samuel Gompers, America's foremost labor organizer and leader, was buried here in Sleepy Hollow cemetery.

Masonic services were conducted in a small tent erected alongside the grave. Around the grave were clustered about 1,000 people. The services were led by the Rev. Oscar F. Treder, grand chaplain of the Free and Accepted Masons.



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HOW HE CLEANED UP RAW GULCH

By H. M. EGBERT

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WELL, when we heard that

sky-pilot was coming to Raw

Gulch we allowed it would

be a good thing for the town.

Raw Gulch had been a tough place in

the time, like most of the mining

camps, but that was many years be-

fore, and the gold had all been taken

from the river beds and the mining

was done respectable like, with stamps

and cyanide. There had been a good

deal of gambling, but the new state

law had put that out of business, and

the only signs of evil was Miss Flora

Deering setting up the refreshments

in Bill Hick's resort. Flora was all

right, and if her hair was golden it

was that way naturally.

So, as I said, we thought the arrival

of Rev. Mr. Tracey would be a good

thing for the town. We'd heard he

was a Harvard man, and we looked

forward to an intellectual polishing

in Raw Gulch. Mrs. Fay Anderson,

the secretary of the local Browning

society, said she was glad he had been

at Harvard, because he would certainly

be an educated man, and education

was booming in Raw Gulch just then.

When Rev. Mr. Tracey got down

off the stage coach we were very

much interested in him. He wore a

sweater and high boots, and he was

six foot three and broad in the beam

accordingly. The group that had col-

lected round the coach prepared to

greet him cordially.

"My name's Tracey, and I'm to be

the new pastor here," he says, looking

straight in front of him. As Jim Ben-

son's face happened to be in front of

him, it was Jim Benson who caught his

eye. Jim looked at him for about ten

seconds, and then he looked at his

hat, and then at his boots, but when

he came back to the pastor's face the

pastor was still looking at him.

"Well, sir?" says Mr. Tracey

sharply.

"Yes, yes, quite well—I mean, thank

you, Mr. Tracey," stammers Mr. Ben-

son.

The person smiled kind of sarcastic.

"I've heard of the tough ways you

folks out West have," he says, "and

if there's going to be any fighting I'm

ready for you now."

Which certainly feasted us. Be-

cause you see, we had come to the

coach prepared to give the new pas-

tor a cordial welcome, and we didn't

have a thought of fighting in our

heads.

"I anticipate a good deal of opposition

in Raw Gulch," continued the

pastor, "and I want to find the bad

man and have him fire bullets be-

tween my feet. I'm ready for him.

Will the bad man kindly step for-

ward?"

"There ain't no bad man here, Mr.

Tracey," says I respectfully.

"Huh! Very good!" he says, trans-

fixing me with that basilisk eye of

his. "Now, show me your dens of

iniquity."

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Tracey?"

asks I.

"Your haunts of infamy, your gilded

palaces of vice, your farehalls, where

you suck the souls of the innocent and

cast them down to perdition," says

Mr. Tracey.

"I guess you mean Bill Hick's

place," says I. "First to the right and

keep straight on till you come to it,

sir."

Mr. Tracey grunted and led the way

up the street, the whole crowd fol-

lowing him till we come to the resort.

Inside Miss Flora was just handing

out two drinks, when in strides Mr.

Tracey. He transfixed Miss Flora,

who, not being used to that sort of

treatment, blushed.

"Are you the snare of Satin in

this unhappy town?" demands Mr.

Tracey.

"I am the gin-slinger for sure," re-

plies Miss Flora. "What's yours?"

Tom Waters, who had been going

with Miss Flora for some time,

thought it was time to interfere. Tom

wasn't quite six feet, and not over

strong in build, but he wasn't going to

bear his girl called a snare.

"See here, Mister Sky-Pilot," says

Tom, "you'll keep a civil tongue in

your head. Raw Gulch ain't Harvard,

and we expect you to behave accord-

ing."

"So you're the bad man, are you?"

inquired the reverend with interest.

"Here's where you get off!" With

which he lands Tom one that knocks

him senseless to the floor. Miss Flora

replies, but there ain't nobody going

to interfere with a man with a punch

to him like that. The Reverend Tracey

walks out of the bar-room."

"I'm going to my quarters at the

McDougal hotel," he says turning at

the door. "There will be a service

in the chapel at eleven sharp next

Sunday, and if you don't all come I'll

know the reason why."

And that was the beginning of the

territorializing of Raw Gulch. We soon

fixed up the matter. The Reverend

Tracey had read so much in the maga-

zines about the way they treated par-

sons in mining camps that he'd come

prepared to fight. He was in a fight-

ing mood all the time, and, having

read of fighting persons who won their

flock by grit and nerve, he had brought

a double supply. That man surely

saw wrong. Raw Gulch was prepared

to tender him the gentlest reception

that ever a man got, and all Raw

Gulch got was an insult for Miss

Flora and a wallop for Tom Waters.

However, we all turned out like

lamb for the service, and the Rever-

end certainly could preach well,

though it was all about sin and shame

and gilded infinites.

Inside of two weeks the Reverend

Mr. Tracey had Raw Gulch terror-

ified. He had knocked down five men

and made Miss Flora cry four times.

He had sent up church-going 300 per

cent. The only thing he hadn't done

was to get acquainted with Mrs. Fay

Anderson's Browning society.

The ladies of the society had held

a discussion of ways and means. The

Reverend Mr. Tracey seemed amicably

disposed toward them. He didn't

scoff at the Browning society. Simply

said he was so busy cleaning up Raw

Gulch that he hadn't time to attend

Mrs. Fay, who had had experience on

the stage in her plan.

"Leave him to me," she said.

Now, for all his bullying nature, the

Reverend Mr. Tracey was a singularly

innocent young man. When, therefore,

rumors began to circulate about a

certain high-toned club that held orga-

nies, drinking and smoking and gam-

bling, at No. 14 Main street, he was

all alert. Instantly it was Mrs. Fay.

Anderson who engineered the move-

ment. Miss Flora was an accomplice.

"Mr. Tracey," says Miss Flora. In

the interval between the fourth and

fifth times he made her cry, "If you

knew the goings on at No. 14 you'd

let a poor girl like myself alone."

"What is it?" demands the reverend,

smiling.

"Only gambling and drinking and

smoking—Indies, too," answers Miss

Flora. "They meet every Sunday

afternoon."

"What, after church?" yells Mr.

Tracey.

"Hush! Not so loud! Yes."

"How can I get in?" inquires the

reverend.

"Password," answers Mr. Tracey.

"Champagne," answers Miss Flora.

"Champagne," answers Mr. Tracey,

not knowing her. "I'm invited by a

friend." With which, he pushes his

way past her, into a room filled with

cigarette smoke. The ladies (in blonde wigs) were smoking as hard as

they could go, and Mr. Tracey had

never smelled such horrid tobacco be-

fore. There was open champagne

bottles on the table, and glasses half

full of it, and cards—face downward

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Plan to Make London

City Built on Stilts

Much has been said and written recently regarding traffic problems in our great cities, particularly with regard to the congestion of the London streets.

Among the many remedies that have been suggested one of the most interesting and perhaps the most drastic, is that advocated by Lord Montagu of Beaufort and published in London Answers.

His scheme is that overhead roads, clear of all existing streets and houses, should be built in London. Such overhead roads might run from London docks to the neighborhood of Edgeware road, from the Surrey docks to Wandsworth, and from the Crystal palace to Tottenham or Highgate. The roadways would be 60 feet wide, sufficient for six lines of traffic, and would be supported on giant piers, some of which would be fitted as lifts for taking vehicles up and down, while others would be let as residential flats.

It is estimated that the cost of constructing those overhead roads would be less than that of widening existing streets or of building new tubes. So the idea may one day materialize. If it does other centers will doubtless follow London's example and the city on stilts may be a commonplace of the town-planning of the future.

Lost Ring Restored

Through Black Magic

Black magic recovered a lost ring in Natal, South Africa. The wife of a farmer living at Mool River missed a very valuable diamond ring. A detective called in could discover no clues leading to its recovery. The farmer then went to see a well-known Zulu witch-doctor, or "Isangoma," as the natives called him. The witch-doctor said: "You have come about the ring. Sit down, and I will call the spirit." A short while later a scratching noise was heard in the roof of the kraal, and the witch-doctor spoke: "Listen," he said, "the spirit talks. He is saying that as you have already gone to the police he will not help you. However, you may rest assured the ring will come back." A month later the farmer and his wife were at the Theater Royal, Durban. They went out during the interval, and, by some curious chance, the lady left her bag behind. When she returned and opened it, there lay the ring! The bag was quite new and had been purchased a few days previously.

Heroic Frenchwoman

A solitary woman passenger was travelling in the Paris-Constantinople air express when the machine caught fire. If the flames had reached the fuel tank the airplane would have been blown to pieces. The passenger, a Frenchwoman, prevented it.

She rammed a hole in the tank and let the petrol out. The pilot stopped his engine and glided 1,200 feet down to an island in the Danube, near Budapest.

The machine was burned to ashes, but the mails were saved, and neither pilot nor passenger was injured. The next day they went on to another plane.

WHAT WILL THEY DO?



Minister—Remember, the meek shall inherit the earth!

One of the Flock—What do you think of their chances of managing it when they get it?

The turkey raiser who feels it is no longer necessary to look after the diet of his stock after they are well feathered, is more than likely to suffer the loss of a number of fine birds during early fall by wild grapes, green corn, etc.

Ensemble Costume Now Fashion Rage

Idea Is Carried Out in All Kinds of Clothes, Also in Jewelry.

Fashion has gone mad over the ensemble costume. We find it not only in sports and formal models, but even winding its way into the boudoir, says a fashion writer in the Washington Evening Star. One of the shops is showing a three-piece affair in a negligee which is charming. It consists of pajamas of Chinese blue crepe de chine, bordered and sashed in black crepe-back satin, and a matching breakfast robe of the black satin, banded in blue silk, wadded.

The ensemble idea is even carried out in jewelry, and no one would think of wearing necklaces, bracelets or earrings that did not distinctly harmonize with each other and with the costume which they adorn.

One of the most striking exponents of the ensemble modes is a distinguished importation from Molyneux of Paris and is executed in a combination of crepe materials. The dress is of a handsome crinkled and stitched printed silk, woven especially for this model in shades of cream, black and fenna. Of black wool crepe, the coat is built on straight lines, with a straight cape attached to the back, and luxurious collar and cuffs of fox. But the most intriguing detail of all is the crepe de chine lining, the upper part of which is in rose color, the lower in apple green, with a band of the printed silk to define the two.

In the spirits type there is a dashing model from Patou in a soft sand-colored wool. The dress is sleeveless, and the coat, seven-eighths in length, is banded in wool of a deeper shade of tan, with scarf to match.

There are also domestic models, in the lovely new autumn shades, for trimmings, or with broiderie.

Many of the coat dresses which are so liked this season, are made to give the appearance of a three-piece suit. A very handsome imported model is especially of this type. The material used is a dark green twill, the ribs of which are at varying widths to stamp its newness. It is banded in gray squirrel at the cuffs and rever, and about the skirt to give the line which the coat would have. It is a very practical dress, being appropriate indoors or out.

Simplicity is the keynote of another coat dress in imported tan wool. Straight of line and unheated, it is trimmed only in a row of buttons fastening all the way down the front. Tailored severely in masculine style, it may be worn with a narrow rolled collar to give the feminine touch at the throat.

Attractive coat dresses are also shown in the bengaline variety of silks, with revers of Irish lace, or with touches of color in the trimming.

Giving Long Lines.

For the "watch-your-weight" ladies, dresses have been designed which are not only cut in large sizes, but have fullness introduced in the desirable places to lessen breadth and give long lines. Such a model is to be had in a navy twill coat dress, closing with a self-material sash at the side, and

occasions. Black felt is very good and extremely practical, as it will harmonize with innumerable costumes. A charming hat of this sort has a square crown of black felt, and the brim, turned up becomingly in front, is faced with black satin.

A hat of similar shape is developed of tan velvet with a plaited band of tan georgette about the crown, ending in loops at the side. An ornament of metal is placed to the left of the front, beautifully finishing this very smart model.

The Venetian type of hat, flaring off the face in front, is again in great favor. This is easily understood, as no more universally becoming shape has ever been designed for dress wear.

For evening there are more frivolous hats composed of satins, brocades or metal cloths. A chic little model of black satin, has a hat, banded in blue silk, wadded.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 25, 1824

In the report of the Board of Engineers of National work to be commenced as soon as possible the following for this section: Fort at Dumpling's Point, \$70,046; Fort at Rose Island, \$2,411; Dyke across West Passage, Narragansett Roads, \$205,000; Total for this vicinity, \$87,357.

The drawing of the Union Canal Lottery will take place January 5. In this lottery 1 one prize of \$50,000, one of \$20,000, and one of \$10,000.

Stephen Caneens advertises in this issue 20 barrels of Jencks gin for sale. Christopher Ellery advertises for "A number of seamen and a few ordinary seamen wanted for the Ship Alliance, Capt. Swain, now bound for the Pacific Ocean, on a whaling voyage."

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 26, 1874

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., was held in Mason's Hall Monday evening; Robert S. Franklin was chosen Master; William G. Stevens Senior Warden; Isaac Gill Junior Warden; John D. Richardson Treasurer; John Eldred Secretary. The officers were installed by R. W. William Gilpin, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by George F. Crandall, John Myers and Ray B. Tayer.

Hereafter, thanks to the persistent efforts of our efficient postmaster and others, we are to have a land route to New York all the year round, which will carry the mails twice daily between Newport and New York, Providence, Boston, and other places north, south, east, and west.

The Old Colony Steamboat Co. have declared a dividend of four dollars per share, and the Old Colony Railroad Co. will pay the regular semi-annual of \$2.50 per share. (Those were good old days.)

The following is an order of the General Assembly issued in sixteen hundred and something: "It is hereby ordered by this court that whoever shall shoot off a gun on any unnecessary occasion, or at any game whatsoever except all an Indian or a Wolfe shall forfeit five shillings for every such shot till further libertie shall be given."

The Old Colony Steamboat Company have awarded the contract for painting throughout their steamers Providence and Bristol to Charles W. Underwood of this city. It will require fifty men and take at least ninety days to complete the job.

Thomas Cottrell Clarke, a well known Philadelphia journalist, formerly associated in business with Edgar Allan Poe, died on Tuesday last at Camden, N. J. Mr. Clarke was a native of Newport and well known to many of our older citizens.

A convention of the farmers of New Hampshire was held in Manchester a few days ago at which resolutions of respect to the memory of Prof. J. Stanton Gould, a worthy son of Newport, were passed.

This ends the year 1874. What 1875 will bring us remains to be seen.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mercury, December 23, 1899

The recent sad accident which resulted in the death of two little children, John and Robert Anderson, aged five and three years, will be made the subject of official inquiry. It will be remembered that the two children were burned to death while playing in a hen house on the property of Mr. Henry C. Tilley.

The 150th annual communication of St. John's Lodge was held last Monday evening. R. W. Howard Walker of Pawtucket presided. R. W. Robert S. Franklin and W. Frank E. Thompson acted as tellers. Daniel B. Fearing was elected Master. N. Thomas Hodson Senior Warden, Irving P. Irons Junior Warden, James G. Topham Treasurer, and Ara Hilldrich Secretary.

Edward T. Dodge dropped dead while talking to friends on Wednesday afternoon. He was for many years employed as gardener at Gordon McKay's. A widow and one daughter, Mrs. William P. Hayman, survive him.

The funeral of the late Rev. Warren Randolph was held at the Central Baptist Church on Monday afternoon. The church was completely filled with friends and acquaintances, many of whom had come from without the city to pay the last tribute of respect. Nearly all the clergy of the city took part in the service. The honorary bearers were Messrs. T. Mumford Seabury, John S. Langley, George W. Swinburne, William E. Franklin and William P. Carr, and the Clerk of the Church, Mr. Samuel W. Marsh. The bearers were Edwin P. Robinson, Alber E. Sherman, Charles M. Cole, Nathaniel R. Swinburne, and James P. Taylor. The ushers were John C. Seabury, William S. Langley, Ralph R. Barker, George P. Austin, Alexander MacLellan, and Alexander E. Carr.

The body of an unknown man was found on the shore at Common Fence Point, Portsmouth, on Sunday.

Mr. Henry C. Anthony of Portsmouth has bought the Elm Farm, better known as the Buffum Farm.

near Island Park in Portsmouth. This is one of the finest farms in Rhode Island.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Father Meenan to the priesthood was observed Thursday by an anniversary high mass at St. Mary's Church, celebrated by Father Meenan, assisted by Fathers Cronan and Reddy.

There are fifty cases of scarlet fever in Providence and the disease increasing.



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Mortgagee's Sale

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by Dennis Shanahan (with Mary E. Shanahan, his wife, in release of debt), Julia Shanahan, Frank P. Gormley, and Mary G. Gormley, his wife, in her right, Harry A. Taylor, his wife, to Elizabeth H. Taylor, his wife, to her right, to Patrick H. Morgan and Constant Smith, dated June 28th, A. D. 1873, and recorded in Volume 21, at pages 52, 53, 61 and 62 of the Mortgagor's Land Evidence of the City of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, a breach of the condition of said mortgage having been made and still existing; the mortgages will sell at public auction on Thames Street in front of the land first hereinabove described on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1892, at 12 o'clock noon, all the right, title and interest which the said Dennis Shanahan, Mary E. Shanahan, Julia Shanahan, Frank P. Gormley, Mary G. Gormley, Harry A. Taylor, and Elizabeth H. Taylor, had at the time of the execution of said mortgage and did by said mortgage convey in and to Cope two certain parcels of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in said City of Newport and bounded and described as follows:

First Parcel—Bounded westerly on Thames street; northerly on an alley way leading from Duke street; westerly to Thames street; easterly by the parcel next hereinbefore described; and southerly by land formerly of Hazard and of Stevens and now of Delta G. Ladd, or however otherwise the same may be bounded or described. Being the same premises conveyed to John Shanahan by John A. C. Stacy by deed dated April 11th, A. D. 1882, and recorded in the Land Evidence of said Newport, in Volume 32, at page 301, et seq.

Second Parcel—Bounded easterly on Duke street; southerly by land formerly of John Stevens and now of Delta G. Ladd; westerly by the parcel of land next hereinbefore described; and northerly on the said Alley way leading from Duke street, westerly to Thames street, or however otherwise the same may be bounded or described. Being the same premises conveyed to John Shanahan, deceased, by Thomas Stevens, by deed dated April 6th, A. D. 1882, and recorded in the Land Evidence of said Newport, in Volume 32, at page 102, et seq.; said above parcels and premises being all that was granted by said Mortgagee Deed, which deed is hereby made part hereof.

And the Mortgagors hereby give notice that they intend to bid for said property at said sale.

EDWARD P. CHAMPLIN, Clerk.

Probate Court of the Town of New Shoreham, December 1, 1894.

Estate of Barnabas B. Darr.

EZRA B. DUNN, Administrator of the estate of Barnabas B. Dunn, late of said New Shoreham, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, for allowance; and the same is received and referred to the fifth day of January at two o'clock p.m., at the Probate Court Room in said New Shoreham for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.

Probate Court of the City of Newport, December 12th, 1894.

Estate of John Kirby.

AN INSTRUMENT TO WRITING, BEING to be the last will and testament of John Kirby, late of said Newport, deceased, is presented for probate and the same is received and referred to the twenty-ninth day of December instant, at ten o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court Room in said Newport, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.

Probate Court of the City of Newport, December 8th, 1894.

Estate of Frank Davenport.

NOTICE is hereby given that Abbie M. Davenport has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Frank Davenport, late of Newport deceased.

Creditors are notified to file their claims in this estate within the time required by law beginning December 11th.

DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.

Probate Court of the City of Newport, December 8th, 1894.

Estate of Alex Ernst.

CHARLES A. NEGUS, Guardian of the person and estate of Alex Ernst, minor, presents his first account with the estate of his ward, for allowance; and the same is received and referred to the fifth day of January at two o'clock p.m., at the Probate Court Room in said New Shoreham for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.

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